

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate met at 11:30:26 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:00:46 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 1764–1820; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 36; and H. Res. 185–195 were introduced. **Pages H2390–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2396–97**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hultgren to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2355**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H2377**

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: The House passed H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, by a yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 128. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, April 25th. **Pages H2357–64, H2374–77**

Rejected the Schneider motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 127. **Pages H2375–76**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–9 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature

of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Collins (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–47) that ensures that excess funds are used to reduce the annual Federal budget deficit;

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Holt amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–47) that considers the long-term future of the Federal Helium Reserve by requiring an assessment of how closing the Federal Helium Reserve could influence helium availability, including options for insuring a reliable helium supply in coming decades; and

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Thornberry amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–47) that affirms the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to allow private entities to connect to and store helium in the Federal Helium Reserve for an appropriate fee.

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Rejected:

Dent amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–47) that sought to ensure the continued supply of helium for end users while requiring the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to honor existing contracts for the supply and delivery of helium; and affirm that the Federal government would honor existing contracts that are set to expire October 1, 2015 (by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 126).

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H. Res. 178, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, April 25th.

Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Robert Reeves, Deputy